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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

FROM: Stanley Sporkin  
General Counsel

SUBJECT: Weekly OGC Report for the DCI/DDCI

ITEMS OF MAJOR INTEREST - 30 October - 5 November

People of the State of California v. Sassounian. On 29 October 1982, the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles quashed the subpoenas duces tecum that defendant's attorneys had served on the Agency and several other federal recipients. Sassounian is charged with the murder of a Turkish diplomat in Los Angeles in January 1982. These subpoenas sought Agency documents relating to alleged Armenian terrorist groups. Ruling from the bench, the court found for the Government on the arguments it raised against the subpoenas: that the defendant's subpoena failed to establish good cause and materiality, and that issuance of the subpoena would be futile in light of established notions of federal supremacy.


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Legislative Development. The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime will hold a hearing on S. 2552, Intelligence Personnel Protection legislation, on 1 December. The Senate had passed this legislation on 1 October prior to adjourning for congressional elections. The House Subcommittee's decision to hold hearings increases the chances that final passage of this legislation can be achieved in the few remaining days of the current Congress. 

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COMPTROLLER CHECKLIST

- FY 1984 Budget. Forwarded an appeal to OMB/IC Staff recommendations on our FY 1984 budget which incorporated a restructured program within low guidance. IC Staff indicates three CIA issues will be presented to the DCI for consideration which include the Communications Recapitalization program, CRAFT, and the level of travel funding. The level of funding for the new building is also receiving considerable attention because of OMB's position that funding for the building could be deferred until 1985.
- Space Requirements. Preliminary discussions with congressional staffs indicate they do not have any serious problems regarding our impending need to reprogram 1983 funds [REDACTED] A back-ground paper was provided to the staffs outlining requirements, costs, etc. and indicating we would identify sources of funds in a formal reprogramming request.

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